

DIARY NOTES

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27 May 1954

1. Gordon Nease, Chief Clerk, Armed Services Subcommittee, notified Ed Saunders that our Budget Hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee would be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 2 June 1954. Later in the day Ed and I met with Mr. Nease who said that Senators Bridges, Ferguson, Hayden, and Saltonstall would be present at the Hearing. We told him that the Director would have to get away for an OCB Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and would be in New York in the afternoon. Mr. Nease said that he felt certain the Hearing would be very short and that the Director would be out well before 12:30 p.m. (The Director wishes to take only Ed Saunders and me along for this Hearing. Ed and [REDACTED] are getting the material together and will meet with me at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow to discuss final preparations which will be presented to the Director for his consideration on Monday at 9:30 a.m. Have asked George Meloon to work with [REDACTED] in 25X1A9a drafting a chart which would show various trends in personnel.)

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2. Lunched with [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] is now a member of the Board of Directors of CAT, is more or less retired, and is being pressed by several people to take on a little more activity than he is engaged in at present. He would prefer to take on more activity for CIA and volunteered his services insofar as he could be useful in the vicinity of New York.

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3. Conducted the weekly DD/A Staff Meeting. (See Minutes.)

4. Briefed Mr. [REDACTED] (who is being groomed for an administrative job in the Technical Services Staff) on the over-all functions and responsibilities of the Office of the DD/A.

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5. Asked Dr. [REDACTED] to get together with Mr. Houston to discuss the \$1,000 check presented to him by [REDACTED]

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6. Ed Saunders and I presented to Mr. Nease, Chief Clerk, Armed Services Subcommittee, a blind memorandum which answered an anonymous letter written to Senator McCarran. We declined to leave the memorandum but asked Mr. Nease to advise Senator McCarran as soon as he returned to town that the Director would be glad to see him personally, if he desired, and answer any questions he might have.

7. Interviewed an Investigator from the Civil Service Commission by the name of Radko concerning George Meloon who is being considered by the Civil Service Commission for a position as Regional Civil Service Director.

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